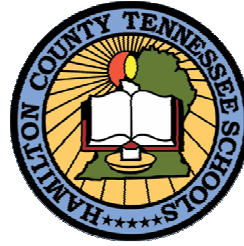


TENNESSEE ATTENDANCE LAW

Every parent, guardian, or other person residing within this state having control or charge of any child or children between the ages of six (6) and seventeen (17), both inclusive, shall cause such child or children to attend public or non-public school, and in event of failure to do so, shall be subject to the penalties hereinafter provided. Any child, who is habitually and unlawfully absent from school, must be reported to the appropriate judge having juvenile jurisdiction in that county.

The child is to be dealt with in such manner as the judge may determine to be in the best interest of the child. The juvenile judge may assess a fine up to fifty (\$50) or five (5) hours of community service against the parents or legal guardian of K-6 children if the child is absent more than five (5) days during any school year unless the parent or legal guardian presents adequate excuse.

**Any child with more than
5 unexcused absences is
considered truant.**



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*C-Continued
A-Attendance
R-Reward
P-Program*

**A truancy
prevention program**

C-CONTINUED A-ATTENDANCE R-REWARD P-PROGRAM



C.A.R.P. is a pilot prevention program instituted among the twelve Soddy-Daisy Network Schools for the 2007-08 school year. The program involves parents, students, principals, teachers, school social workers, UTC interns, and the community in a joint effort to reduce absenteeism in Hamilton County Schools. The main objective is to educate parents about the compulsory attendance laws in Tennessee while giving them innovative parenting skills to help their child succeed in school.

Program Guidelines

Parents are offered four free classes (see dates) with free childcare provided. All classes will be held at Soddy Daisy High School in the Commons from 5:30-7:00 p.m. Registration/refreshments: 5:30
Class: 6:00-7:00.

Program offers:

Helpful strategies for parents that will enable them to enhance their relationships with their child and the school.



PROMPT PUNCTUAL PREPARED

Program Dates

Focus on Attendance
Monday, January 28, 2008
5:30-7:00

**The Three P's: Prompt,
Punctual, and Prepared for
School**
Monday, February 25, 2008
5:30-7:00

Academics: Help at Home
Monday, March 31, 2008
5:30-7:00

**Parent Communication
Strategies**
Monday, April 28, 2008
5:30-7:00

Family Celebration Dinner
(Date to be announced)

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